

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-7 and 29-35 stand rejected on prior art grounds. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-8, 10-11, 13-15, 17-18, 20-22, 24-25, 27-29, 31-32, and 34-35 stand objected to. Claims 8-28 are allowed. Figures 1, 2 and 4 of the drawings are objected to.

Claims 1-7 and 29-35 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby, rendering the rejection of and objections to these claims moot.

Replacement drawing sheets are attached hereto to overcome the objections to Figures 1, 2 and 4. Consequently, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections.

Claims 8, 10-11, 13-15, 17-18, 20-22, 24-25, and 27-28 are amended herein in order to overcome the objections. Consequently, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections. The Applicants note that claims 8-28 are properly supported in the specification and in the accompanying drawings, and no new matter is being added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 8-28, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary. Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 09-0456.

Respectfully submitted,

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